

Three volumes of books donated in memory of Eleanor P. Jones

Three sets of books, containing a total of 157 volumes, were donated to the Mountain View High School Library on August 11, 1987, in memory of the late Eleanor Pritchard Jones of Carbondale. All of these volumes, in mint condition, were donated to the school by S. Robert Powell and Donald Walter Powell, of Elkdale and Carbondale respectively, in memory of Eleanor Pritchard Jones, their first cousin once removed.

The first of these three sets of books is the 50-volume set of *The Harvard Classics*, edited by Charles W. Eliot and published by P.F. Collier & Son. Contained in this set are masterworks in the areas of history, poetry, science, philosophy, biography, letters, prose fiction, narrative, criticism and the essay, education, political science, drama, travel and voyages, and religion.

The second set consists of 61 Crown Octavo volumes entitled, *The World's Greatest Literature*, and was also published by P.F. Collier & Son, New York. Each volume is illustrated with frontispieces, each a master work in portraiture or historic painting. The primary areas covered in this set are: history, biography, philosophy, economics, politics, epic and dramatic literature, sacred and profane Oriental literature, orations, essays, and the history of English literature.

The third set consists of 46 volumes and is entitled, *Library of the World's Best Literature*, Charles Dudley Warner, editor. This set of books, published in 1897 by The International Society, New York, contains conspectuses of virtually all national literatures, as well as the chief matters found in literature to have engaged human interest and the chief products of intellectual and literary exertion in song, thought and knowledge.

Eleanor Pritchard Jones, in whose memory these volumes were donated to the school, was the daughter of Samuel Sheldon Jones

and Margaret Gillespie Russell, and was born in Carbondale on March 4, 1883. By profession, she was a teacher of the deaf.

A graduate of Carbondale High School and Blair Hall, Blairstown, New Jersey, Miss Jones trained for teaching the deaf under Miss Ada R. King at the Pennsylvania State Oral School, Scranton, from 1902-1904. In September 1904, she began teaching the deaf at the Pennsylvania State Oral School. At the same time, she continued her professional training by attending summer schools at Northwestern University, the Central Institute of Saint Louis (under Dr. Max Goldstein), the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, and Johns Hopkins University. Her work at those four schools, together with extension courses through Columbia University, New York University, the Pennsylvania State College, and the University of Pennsylvania earned Miss Jones a Class A teacher's certificate for academic work from the Conference of Executives of the American Schools for the Deaf, Inc., on August 30, 1949.

From 1904 to 1956, Miss Jones taught at the Pennsylvania State Oral School, and, at the time of her retirement, was the Supervising Teacher of speech and head of the Auditory Department. Following her 52 years of teaching in Scranton, she accepted a position as speech therapist at Saint Mary's School for the Deaf, Buffalo, New York, where she taught from 1961 to 1967.

Miss Jones was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale for 71 years, having taught a Sunday School class there for 40 years. In 1929, she wrote the Centennial History of that church. She was an enthusiastic member of the Scranton Audubon Society, and was a teacher for 35 years in classes for the Society. On February 6, 1970, she died and bequeathed her library to S. Robert

Powell and Donald W. Powell.

In donating these 157 volumes from Miss Jones' library to the Mountain View High School Library, the Powell brothers told Mr. J. Daniel Moss, Principal, that in making the memorial donation they were doing just the kind of thing of which Eleanor Jones would have approved. S. Robert Powell, who is a substitute teacher at the school, remarked: "Eleanor Jones devoted her entire life to teaching and to providing encouragement and opportunities to young people by giving them the practical and intellectual opportunities they require to lead meaningful and productive lives. In donating these books to the Mountain View High School Library, Donald and I are continuing a family tradition that was begun by Eleanor Pritchard Jones. How thrilled she would be to know that the student body at Mountain View High School will have an opportunity to explore and to know these important volumes from her library."

Each of these 157 volumes contains a bookplate in which the engraving from Eleanor Jones' personal bookplate is incorporated into the bookplate designed by the Powell brothers especially for inclusion in these presentation volumes to Mountain View High School. The illustration is an engraving by Helen T. Fuchs of a view of Newton Lake, Carbondale, as seen from the interior of a tent in which Eleanor Pritchard Jones and her life-long friend, Ellen Josephine Windsor, once camped at Newton Lake. Printed below the engraving is the following text: "Donated to the Library, Mountain View High School, Kingsley, PA, In Memory of Eleanor Pritchard Jones, Carbondale, PA, Born, March 4, 1883; Died, February 6, 1970, By Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell, Carbondale, PA, August 11, 1987."